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Morgan, Newton, Jasper, Greene, Taliaferro counties...

Maintenance service contracts improving safety

MADISON – Georgia Department of Transportation maintenance service contractors will continue making visible safety improvements in the coming weeks within east central Georgia.

The traveling public can expect personnel and equipment in the following areas next week and beyond:

- **Newton County:** State Route (SR) 162 patching and shoulder widening beginning at the SR 36 intersection and stopping near Jodeco Road; Single lane closures will be setup with flagmen and a pilot vehicle.
- **Morgan/Jasper County:** SR 83 vegetation removal parameters begin at the Ocmulgee River Bridge in Jasper and stop at Interstate 20 in Morgan; may require temporary lane closures.
- **Greene/Taliaferro County:** I-20 removal of dead, diseased or hazardous trees mile 130 to 154 east and westbound;

The aforementioned tree and vegetation removal safeguards motorists, providing adequate room to recover if someone leaves the roadway; ensures sign visibility and sensitively extracts obstructions that may fall onto interstates and state routes during winter or other inclement weather.

This and similar upcoming maintenance service contracts within the 27-county east central District come from the Transportation Funding Act (TFA) of 2015. Georgia DOT uses the sustained annual revenue from the TFA to launch much-needed routine maintenance and capital improvements.